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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7070

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): D. N. Rubingh et al. Confirmation No. 3865

Serial No.: 09/646,984

Group Art Unit: 1652

Date Filed: 9/25/2000

Examiner: William W. Moore

Title: Serine Protease Variants Having Amino Acid Deletions and Substitutions

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1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | TECH CENTER (Col. 3) | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA* | RATE | FEE |
| TOTAL | * | MINUS | ** | = | x \$18 = | \$ |
| INDEP. | * | MINUS | *** | = | x \$80 = | \$ |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | | + \$270 = | \$ |
| | | | | | TOTAL | \$ |

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - a. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
 - b. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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